

MISSION Latvia

Latvia

Built to Scale.
Driven by Innovation.

April, 2026

Deeply rooted in nature and tradition, Latvia innovates for greener and better future











Talents and innovators who influence world's culture scene



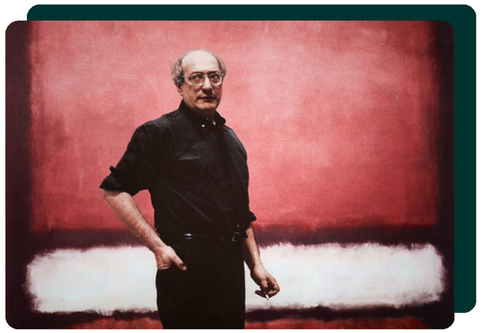
Mikail Barishnikov

Ballet star



Elina Garanca

Opera singer



Mark Rothko

Painter



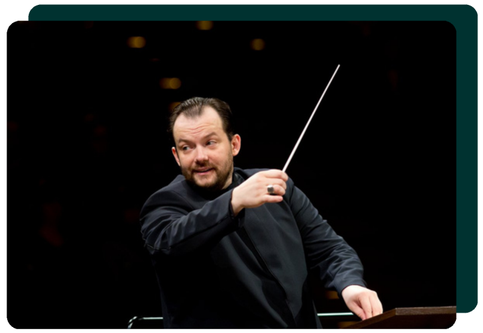
Pēteris Vasks

Composer



Anatolijs Lapiņš

Designer - Porche 911 & Chevrolet Corvette Stingray



Andris Nelsons

Conductor, multiple Grammy winner



Jacob Davis

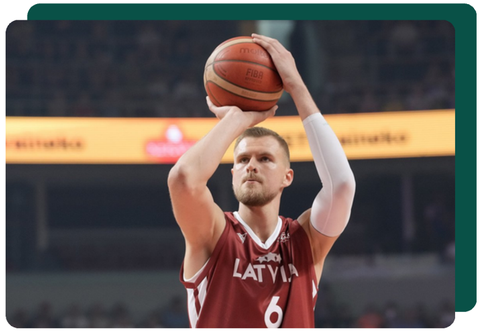
Latvian-born tailor invented denim



Gints Zilbalodis

Academy award winner, Flow

Champions who put Latvia on the world map



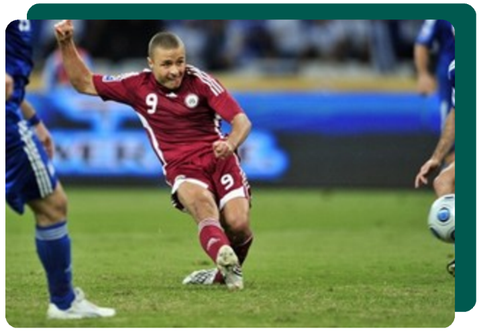
Kristaps Porziņģis

NBA champion



Jeļena Ostapenko

Grand Slam champion



Māris Verpakovskis

Champions League and Euro 2004 striker



Artūrs Šilovs

NHL playoff breakout star & IIHF World Championship MVP



Artūrs Irbe

Iconic Latvian NHL goalkeeper



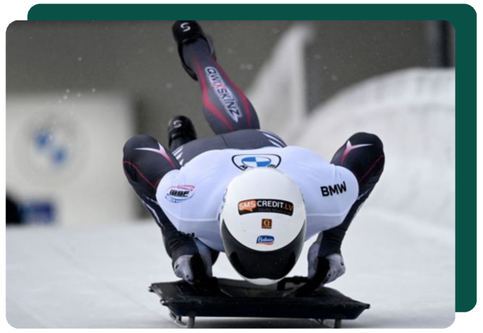
Māris Štrombergs

Two-time Olympic BMX champion



Uļjana Semjonova

Olympic women's basketball legend

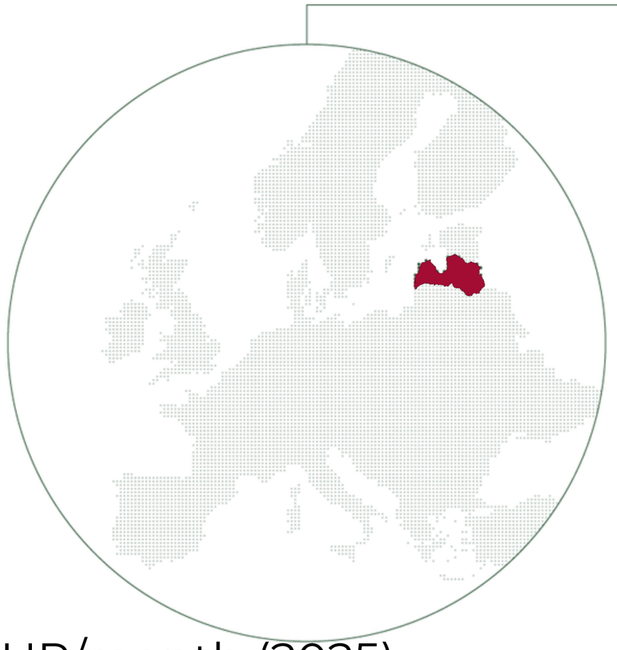


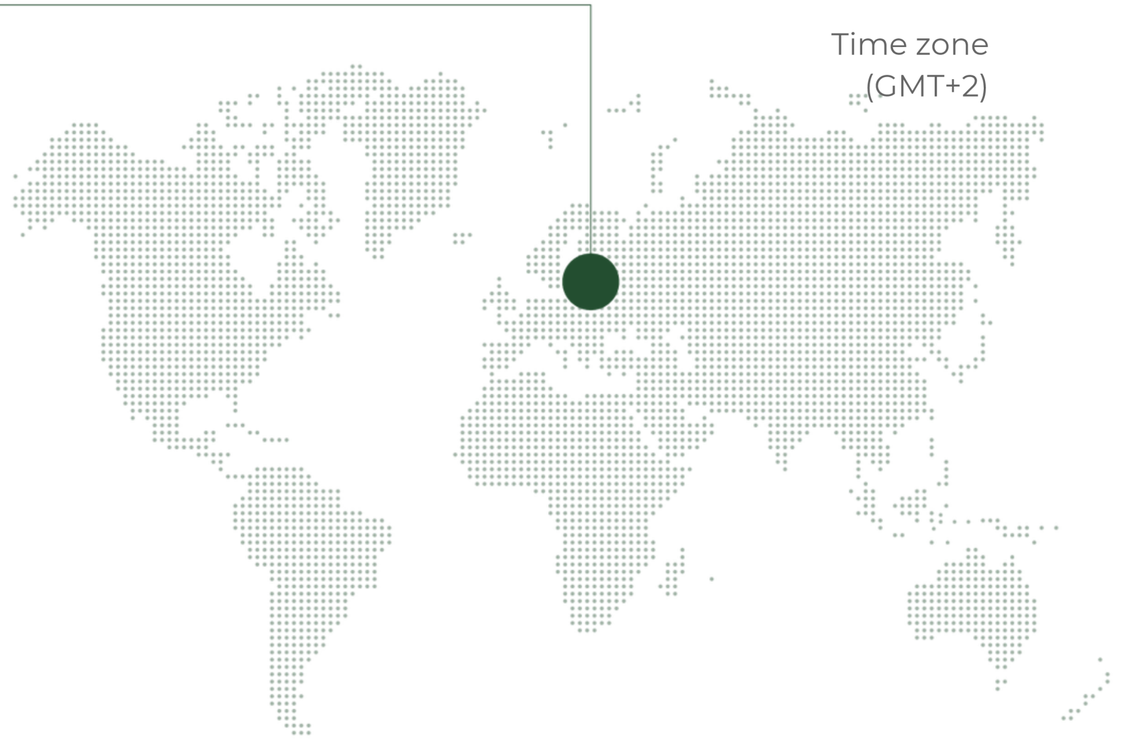
Martins Dukurs

One of the most decorated athletes in skeleton history

Latvia - Access to EU market

450 Million people





Capital: Riga

Population: 1.9 million

Language: Latvian

GDP: EUR 43.0 B (2025)

Latvia's GDP per capita growth since independence: 2× the EU average

Unemployment: 6.9% (2025)

Average gross salary: 1.815 EUR/month (2025)

Defence budget: 4.91% of GDP (2026)

Ratings: S&P Credit A, Moody's A3

In 2025 – Joined UN Security Council

Latvia is among a group of only 20 nations that are members of all major international organisations

WORLD TRADE ORGANIZATION · United Nations · OSCE Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe · OECD

THE WORLD BANK · SCHENGEN · INTERNATIONAL MONETARY FUND

Advantages of Latvia’s business environment

Among world’s best tax regime, fast decisions, flexible solutions, and the agility to move faster than larger economies

0%	#2	80%	#4	96%
Corporate income tax on reinvested profit #1 Corporate Tax Rate Index, 2025 (Among OECD countries)	International **Tax Competitiveness Index** 2025 (Among OECD countries)	**Discount on CIT** for dividends in 5 vast Special Economic Zones	**In the EU for the share of renewable energy** 2025	Public **services for businesses are digital**, EU average - 86% (% of EU target, DESI 2025)

eID

98% Companies sign documents digitally

Latvia

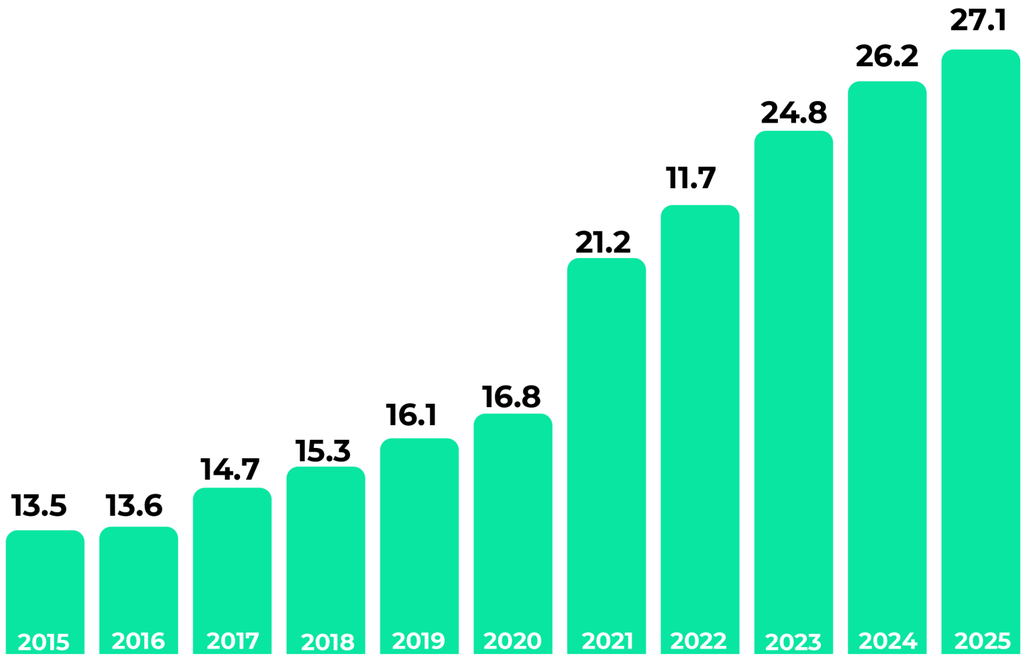
Attractive investment location

Latvia's FDI has doubled since 2015, reaching a record **EUR 27.1 B** in 2025

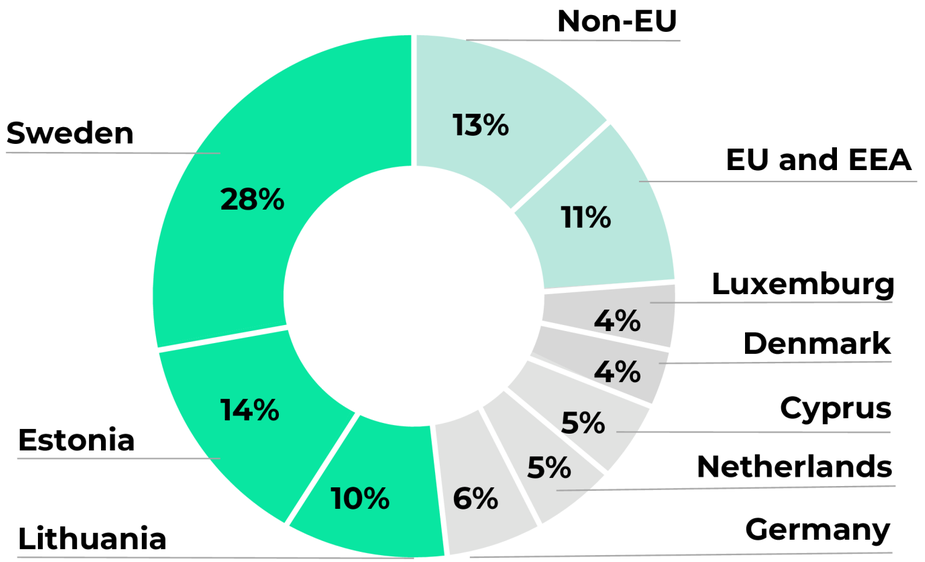
87% of FDI comes from the EU/EEA – proving strong investor confidence in EU leading economies

LIAA ranked #1 investment agency in the Baltics (EY Attractiveness Survey Europe 2025)

FDI in Latvia, billions of EUR



FDI into Latvia by investor country as of 2025



Smart Infrastructure

Modern, well-connected, and future-ready

Most connected logistics hub in the Baltics

- Densest transport and logistics network
- 2 day delivery anywhere in Europe

Riga Airport – largest and most-connected in the Baltics

- 100+ direct flights
- 7.1 million passangers in 2025

AirBaltic

- The only national airline in the Baltics & the greenest airline in EU* *(Source: AirlineRatings)*
- Daily short flights to destinations in Europe

Road & rail connections

- Quick access to Europe, Scandinavia, and Asia.
- **Rail Baltica** will connect the Baltics to Europe with fast, green railway



Intermodal logistics hub

#4 in EU for proportion of exports in transport services

#3 in the EU for seaborne freight per capita. (18 t vs. 7.5 t EU average)

Source: World Bank World Development Indicators, 2024

Latvia has:

- three **ice-free deep-water ports** functioning **as one integrated logistics system;**
- the **largest combined** cargo capacity, **handling ⅓ of all cargo on the EU's Eastern Baltic coast.**

Daily Logistics connections to Sweden, Germany from Liepaja and Ventspils

Strategic **EU/NATO Gateway**

Regular **Ro-Ro and Container Services** to Germany and Sweden

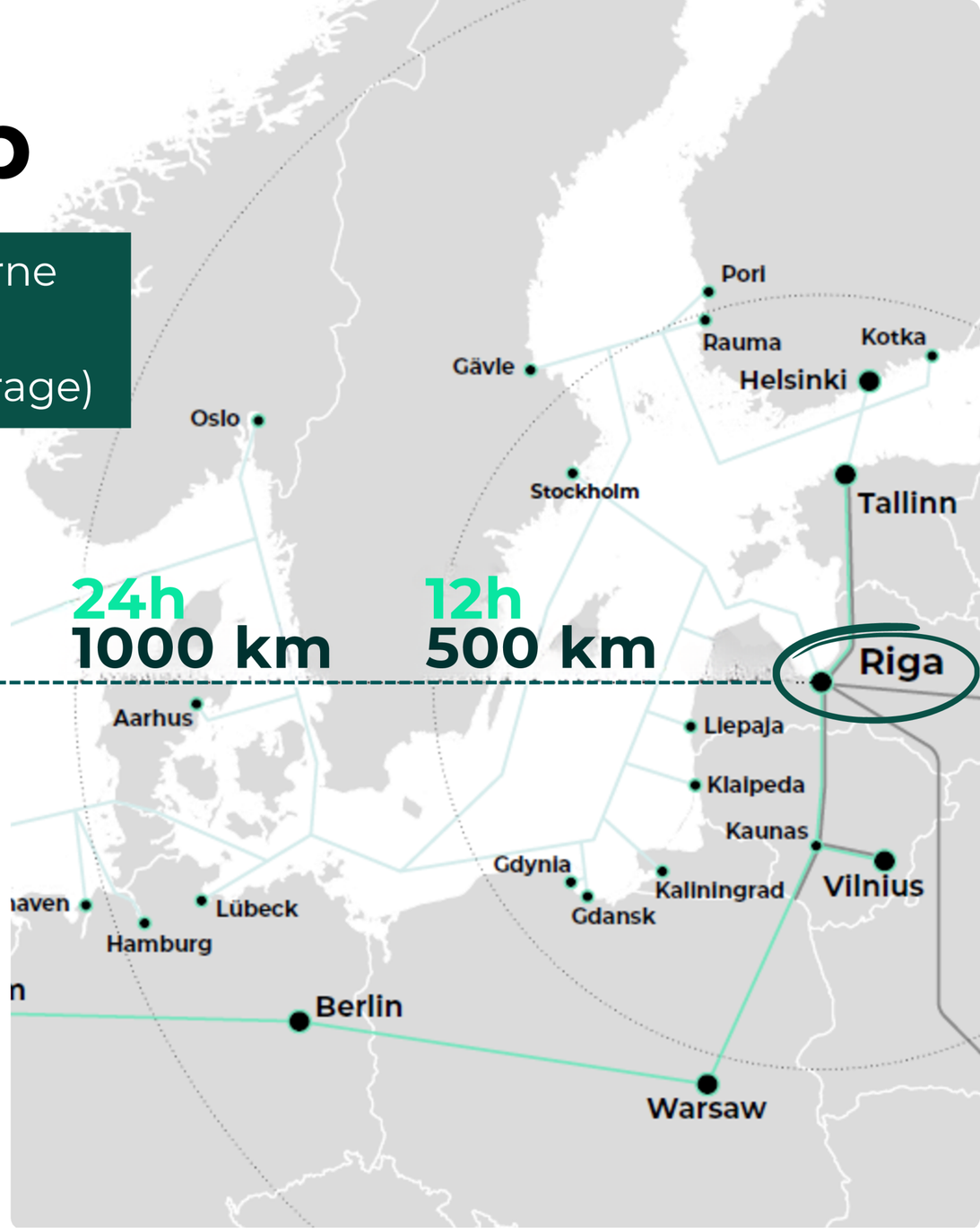


Image: Logistics in Latvia

Digital infrastructure

In numbers

1st

National quantum communications infrastructure in the Baltics

QKD (Quantum Key Distribution) integrated with 5G, Wi-Fi, and IoT, tested in healthcare and finance.

World record 380 Gbit/s **optical data transmission** on silicon photonics chip, recognized at OFC 2024

(Riga Technical University, 2024)



#3

In CEE for **Location specialisation in Data, Radar, Satellite, Missile Guidance** and Other Communications

(fDi Intelligence from the Financial Times based on Dun & Bradstreet Global Reference Solution, 2024)

Advanced 5G and Broadband Coverage, including sea

Sustainability

Vast availability of natural resources



53%

Forested area territory



8th

Highest share in the EU of **organic farming land** - 16% of all land (European Environment Agency, 2025)



#4

In EU for **renewable freshwater resources** per capita (Eurostat, 2025)



x4

Timber volume in Latvia has almost **quadrupled in 80 years**, now totaling around 680 million m^3

Investment portfolio

Totalling 9.5 Billion €





Infrastructure	RailBaltica	Renewable energy	RIX Airport City
€ 1.13 B	**€ 5.11 B** *in Latvia*	**€ 2.77 B**	**€ 504 M**

*“Capital goes where it is welcome and stays where it is treated well.” – **Walter Wriston***

Upcoming investment projects & opportunities

Rail Baltica

Rail Baltica is the largest Baltic infrastructure project of a century - a railway line construction, connecting Baltic states with the European railway network. Publicly funded, with PPP parts planned. Total project costs exceed € 5 B in Latvia.



Elwind Offshore

An Estonian–Latvian offshore wind farm project with a potential to harvest over 7 TWh of clean energy annually with up to 1 GW capacity. Two pre-developed offshore areas to be auctioned with guaranteed grid connection by 2029.



RIX Airport City

Designed to be the most connected multifunctional business district in the Baltics spanning 24-hectare area. Currently seeking partners, investors, developers, operators and tenants to co-develop the district plot by plot.



Military base “Sēlija”

A major Latvian defence PPP project developing residential, administrative, and road infrastructure at the Sēlija Training Area, plus warehouse facilities in Nīkrāce, providing a modern training environment for the National Armed Forces and allied units. Total planned investments € 403 M.



Focus - Future-ready industries

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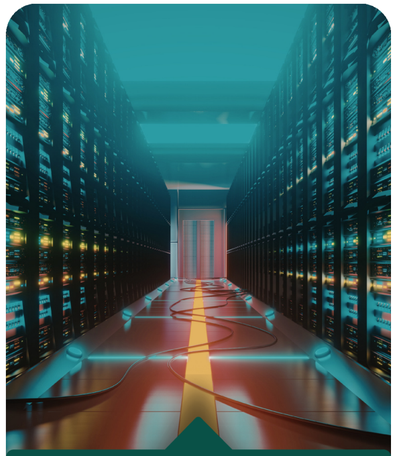


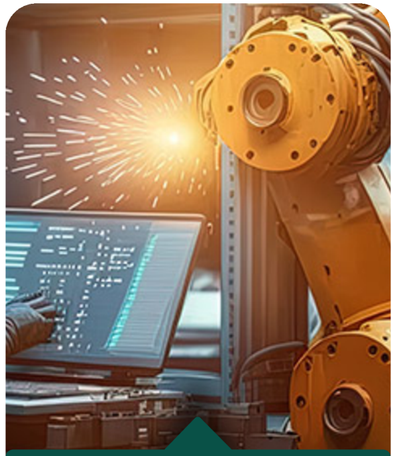
INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATIONS TECHNOLOGY

Secure.
Limitless.
Intelligent.



SMART ENERGY

Clean.
Scalable.
Renewable.



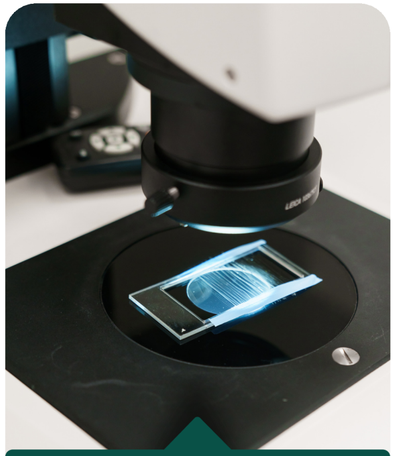
MANUFACTURING & ENGENEERING

Efficient.
Smart.
Strong.



SUSTAINABLE BIOECONOMY

Green.
Circular.
Resourceful.



NEXT-GEN BIOMEDICINE

Precise.
Innovative.
Data-driven.



DEFENCE

Dual-use.
Resilient.
Industrial.

State-defined national priority sectors with high growth and innovation potential and strong investment readiness.

Information and Communications Technology

Latvia’s ICT sector offers a strong, future-ready investment landscape built on top-tier infrastructure, modern regulation, and a fast-growing innovation ecosystem



7.1%

of GDP

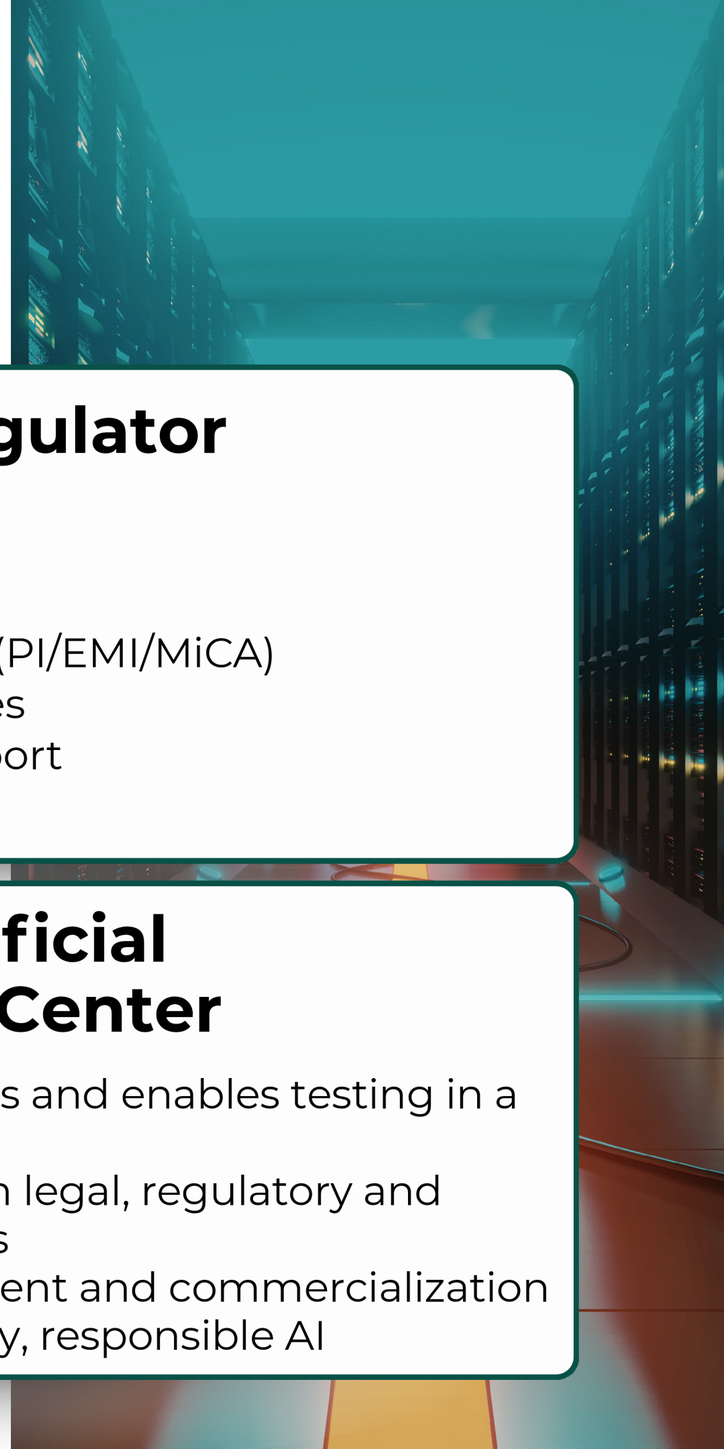
100+

IoT & Robotics Testbeds - large scale testing for robotics, logistics and space technologies

€ 1.51 B

ICT product exports

Information and Communications Technology



Emerging datacenter hotspot

- Secure and reliable energy supply
- High share of renewable energy mix
- Low risk climate
- High-speed fiber connectivity
- Cost efficiency

Dynamic Regulator for Fintech

- Free pre-licensing
- 3-6 month licensing (PI/EMI/MiCA)
- Regulatory sandboxes
- Innovation Hub support

Vibrant start-up ecosystem

- Startup Law support
- Start-up visa
- Riga city support for relocation
- Beneficial employees stock options regulation

National Artificial Intelligence Center

- Launches AI pilot calls and enables testing in a regulatory sandbox
- Provides guidance on legal, regulatory and cybersecurity aspects
- Supports AI deployment and commercialization
- Promotes trustworthy, responsible AI

Smart Energy

With major grid capacity available, new opportunities in CO_2 and gas storage, as well as hybrid parks, Latvia is emerging as a top location for sustainable energy investment



#2

Energy Security Index,
World Economic Forum, 2025

4th

4th in the EU in share of energy from renewable sorces and consumption with over 50% from renewable sources,
2025

5.8+GW

Available in the transmission grid for the connection of new power plants

Smart Energy

Power-to-X production:

- #6 lowest hydrogen cost in EU
- 90% green PPA
- 15+ yr pay-as-produced (~€55/MWh)
- Nordic-Baltic hydrogen hub

Wind, solar and hybrid parks:

- #2 lowest land prices in EU
- 62% RES by 2030
- 500+ km high-wind coast (>9 m/s)
- Low grid connection costs (110–330 kV)

Biomethane and natural underground structures:

- Lowest biomethane cost by 2050 (€44/MWh)
- 4 TWh potential · €21.5M support
- Injection network expanding
- Strong waste feedstocks
- 16 CO_2 sites (~404 Mt)
- Storage ban lifted (2025)



Manufacturing & Engeneering

Advancing next-generation R&D infrastructure, deep expertise in robotics and smart systems, Latvia offers a scalable, future-ready platform for Industry 4.0 and advanced manufacturing



2

World records in Silicon photonics technologies for high-speed optical interconnects

10%

of all quantum algorithms developed worldwide involved Latvian scientists, making a remarkable global impact in quantum research
World Economic Forum, 2025

#3

In Europe for optical-fibre export share relative to GDP, *2025*

Manufacturing & Engeneering

Expertise in Quantum research:

- #1 QuantERA coordinators/GDP
- Global quantum applications
- Baltics' first quantum network (LatQN)
- EU quantum-secure infrastructure

Photonics and Optical fibre:

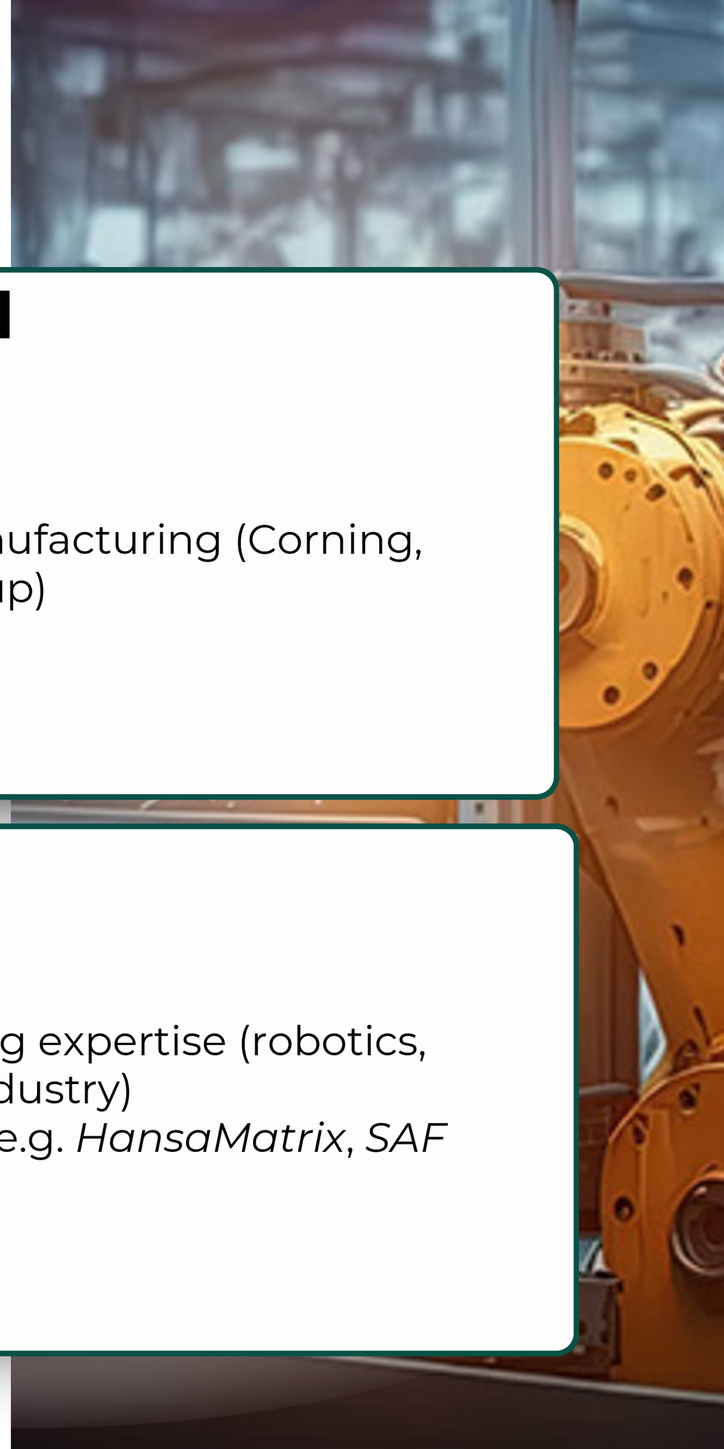
- 60% FTTH coverage
- Global-scale fiber manufacturing (Corning, Prysmian, Martin Group)

Microelectronics and Nanomaterials:

- ~1% water withdrawal (EU-low)
- National Microchip Competence Centre (part of EU Chips Act initiative)
- Precision coating R&D (ISO 4–8)
- ALD capabilities

Robotics and Automation

- 60+ years engineering expertise (robotics, embedded, smart industry)
- Industry 4.0 leaders, e.g. *HansaMatrix*, *SAF Tehnika*, *MikroTik*.



Sustainable Bioeconomy

Latvia is becoming a leading hub for next-generation low-emission bioeconomy industries, accelerating bio-based materials, renewable chemicals, and innovative food solutions



#1

Latvia’s leading R&D and innovation sector with the highest funding intensity

54%

of Latvia’s territory is covered by forests — one of the highest ratios in Europe

12%

of GDP

Sustainable Bioeconomy

Forestry and wood processing

- Strong sustainable bio-based value chains
- Development and high-value-added products
- Almost half of all forest land is owned by the state that ensure comprehensive forest management policy

Agriculture and food industry

- Abundant land with low EU land costs
- Tech-driven, productive, low-impact agriculture
- Growing industry in functional foods and low-emission proteins, e.g. *Asns Ingredient*
- Strong agricultural knowledge and food producers commitment to sustainability

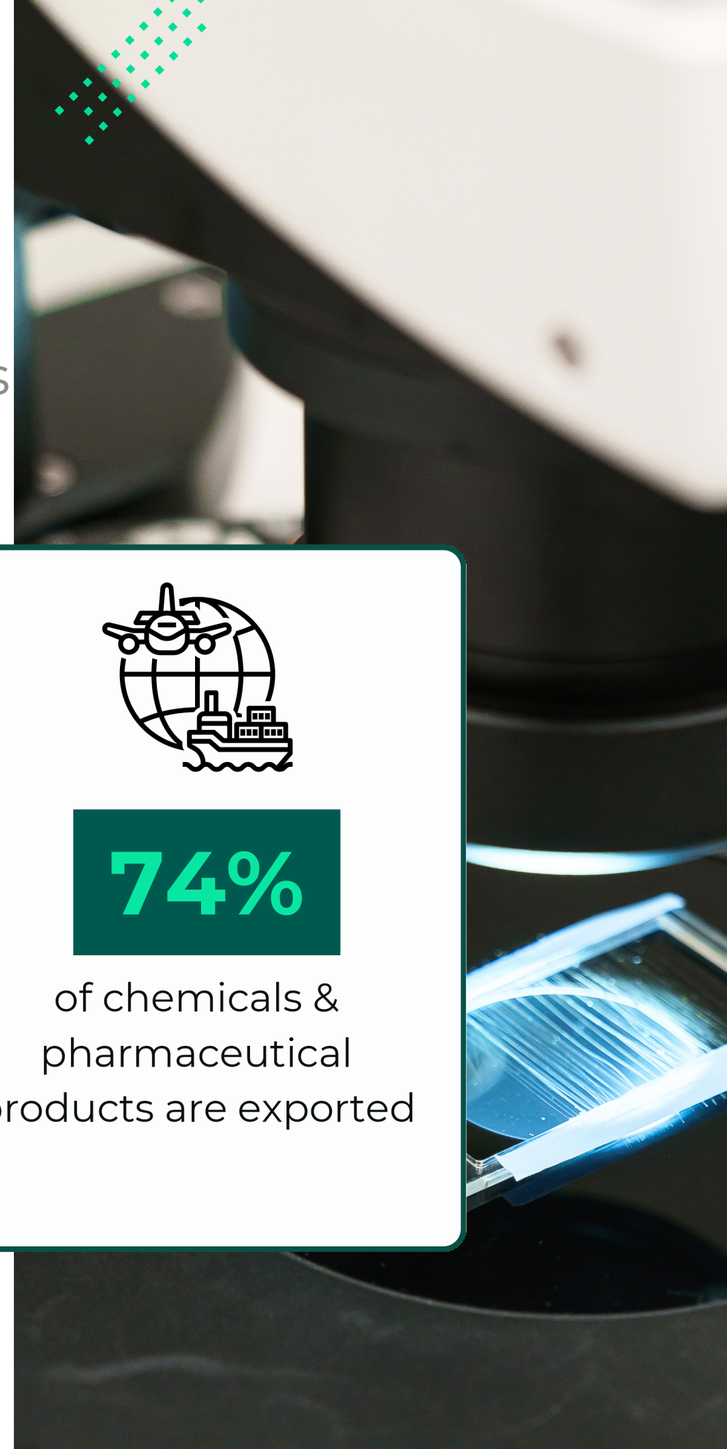
Biorefineries and biomaterials

- Strong biorefining potential with major projects like *Fibenol*
- Growing innovation ecosystem for bio-based materials and renewable chemicals
- TRL 4–6 pilot facility bridging lab research and industrial scale



NEXT-GEN Biomedicine

Latvia's deep industry expertise and leading research institutions offer a high-quality, cost-efficient platform for innovation in precision medicine, biomaterials, pharmaceuticals



60+

years of biomedicine expertise

500+

companies across the biomedicine ecosystem, ranging from pharmaceuticals and biotechnology to medical devices, diagnostics, and chemical production

74%

of chemicals & pharmaceutical products are exported

NEXT-GEN Biomedicine

Pharmaceuticals

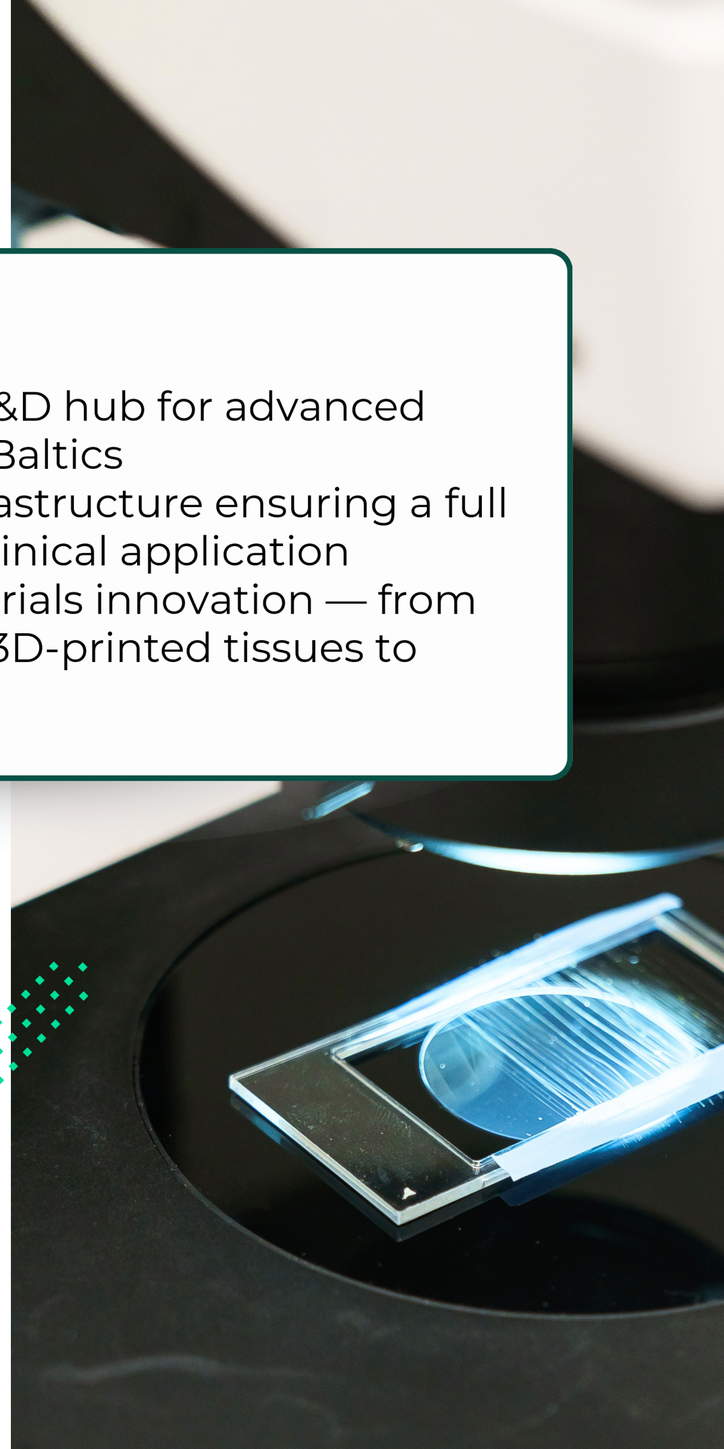
- Full value chain — from API R&D to finished drug manufacturing
- GMP-certified, EU and globally compliant production
- Strong, home-grown pharma companies (e.g., *Grindeks, Olpha*) with global export experience

Biomaterials

- BBCE is a leading R&D hub for advanced biomaterials in the Baltics
- State-of-the-art infrastructure ensuring a full cycle from idea to clinical application
- Pioneering biomaterials innovation — from organ-on-chip and 3D-printed tissues to synthetic spider silk

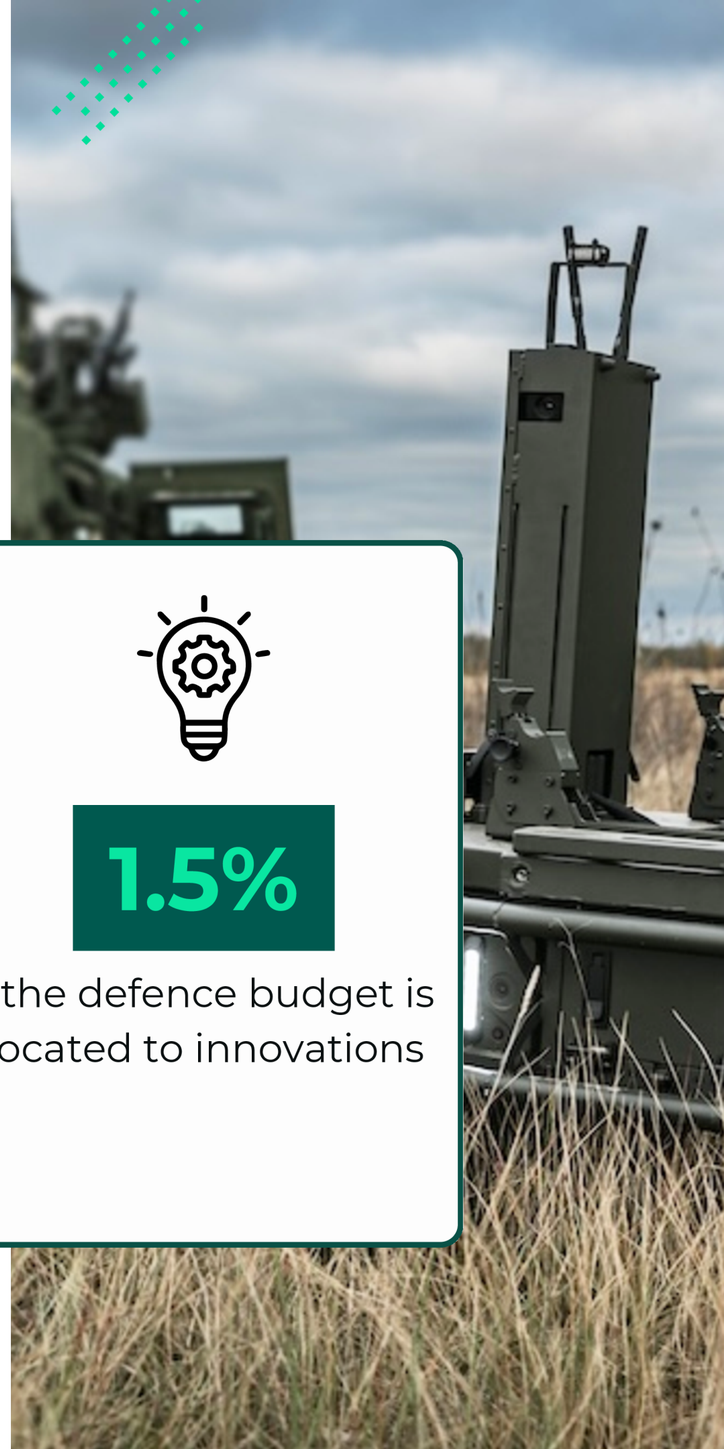
Precision medicine

- National Biobank with over 42,000 samples
- PMPC Centre - advancing pediatric precision medicine
- PMNET Forum in Riga, connecting European experts and industry leaders in biomarker discovery and clinical translation



Defence

With testing infrastructure, government support, NATO-aligned R&D, and EU funding, Latvia offers a strong platform for defence innovation and manufacturing



TOP 3

NATO country for defence expenditures as % of GDP in 2025

#7

Europe’s largest exporter of drones, exporting €47.7 million worth or 3.8% of total Europe’s drone exports volume, 2024

1.5%

of the defence budget is allocated to innovations

Defence

Environment and financing

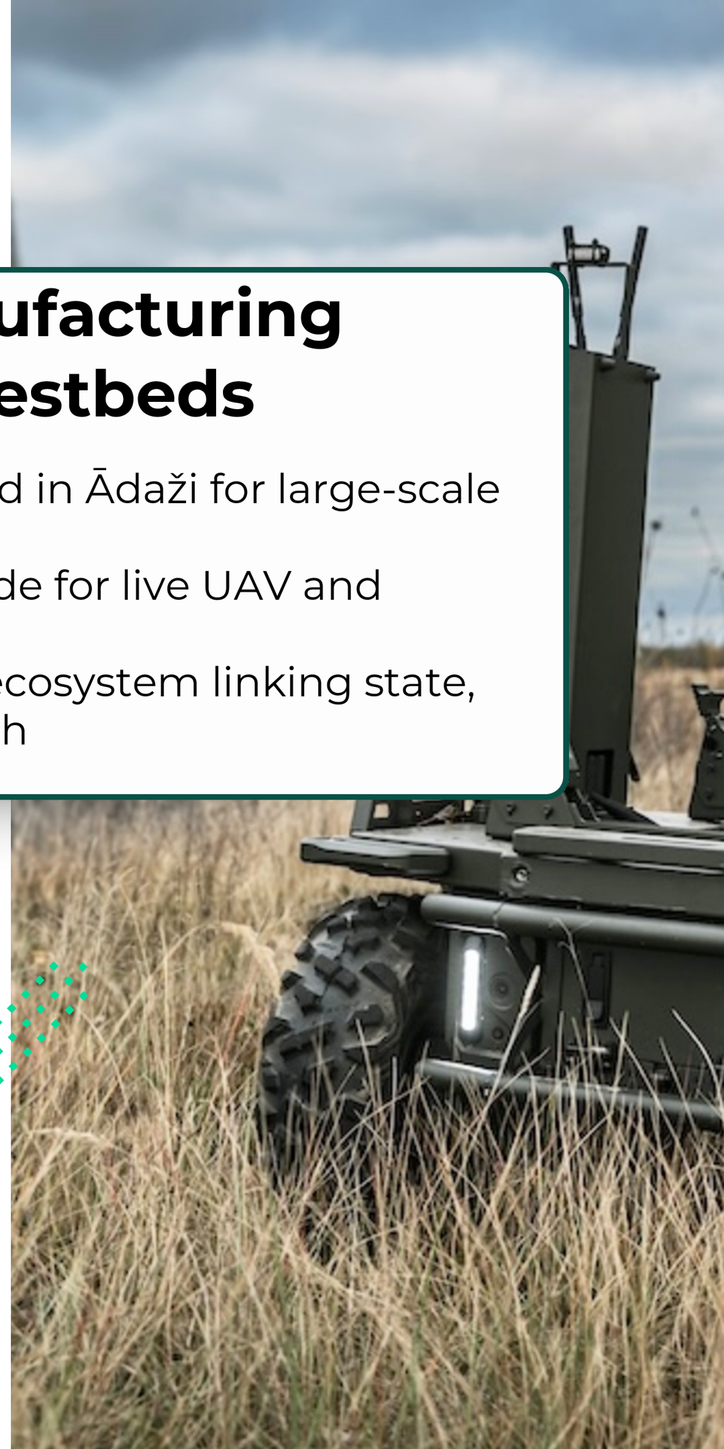
- NATO member since 2004
- Backed by NATO collective defence
- Defence spending at 4.91% of GDP (2026)
- Defence innovation system supports NATO-oriented R&D, dual-use tech and industrial prototyping
- Local sourcing in defence procurement
- €5.7B EU defence funding available

Drones and sensors

- Latvia is the founder and co-leader of 18+ country Drone Coalition, investing €50M+ annually locally
- Latvian drone firms win global contracts, outperforming 265+ competitors, e.g. *Redwire Latvia* and *Atlas Aerospace*
- First EU country to deploy acoustic drone sensors for airspace security

Defence manufacturing and military testbeds

- 1st 5G military testbed in Ādaži for large-scale testing
- Naval testbed in Šķēde for live UAV and defence-tech trials
- Integrated defence ecosystem linking state, industry, and research



Innovations

Areas Latvia contributes to global growth

Quantum



World-class expertise in quantum theory and algorithms with world leading quantum researchers - A. Ambainis

Naco Technologies



Deep-Tech Innovator in Nano-Coatings for Green & Space Applications

Ariane 6 flight-proven material



Cryogenic polyurethane insulation developed in Latvia is used in the Ariane 6 launcher

Cellbox Labs



Innovator in Organs-on-a-Chip for Drug Discovery

Aerones



Global Leader in Robotic Wind-Turbine Maintenance



Latvia is the **1st in the EU** in the share of **women in science** - 50.9% of scientists and engineers

Recent Long-Term Strategic Investments in Latvia (2025)

Ingka Investments

The investment arm of the **IKEA Group** has committed **€ 720 million** to acquire forest holdings in Latvia, highlighting Latvia's stable business environment and strong potential for long-term, sustainable investment.



Epson

A global technology innovator, is opening its new European Business Services centre (EBS) in Riga, Latvia. It will house non-customer facing roles, making it a **critical hub for Epson's business throughout Europe.**



Fibenol

A **clean-tech company** is developing a major biorefinery in Latvia's Valmiera Industrial Park, with a planned investment of **€ 600–700 million** to produce **high-value biomaterials** from low-quality wood.



Salling Group

In 2025, Rimi Baltics was acquired by Salling Group for **€ 1.3 billion, marking one of the largest retail transactions in the region.** The deal reflects strong confidence in the Baltic consumer market.



Innovative & Nordic Work Ethic

Productive, cost-effective & gender balanced



95%

Multilingual #5 in Europe
(68% in the EU on average)



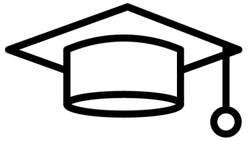
16.3 €

hourly salary rate
(34.9 €/h in the EU)



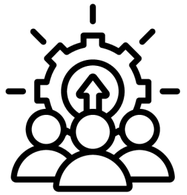
2nd

highest share of women in managerial positions in the EU



25%

STEM sectors students
(52% doctoral graduates are in STEM)



45%

of Latvians had tertiary education
(44.2% in the EU, 2024)

Sources: European Commision, Eurostat 2025

Strategic sites for investment

Infrastructure-ready Industrial Sites with access roads, external networks, and industrial zoning.

1. Liepāja Industrial Park
   Karosta Industrial Park
2. Skrunda Industrial Park (2028)
3. Kuldīga Industrial Park
4. Ventspils Airport Industrial Area
5. Tukums Industrial Park
6. Zemgale Industrial Park
7. “Olaine Industrial” (public and privat greenfields)
8. Bauska Industrial and Logistics Park
9. Jēkabpils Industrial Area (public and privat greenfields)
10. “ALTOP” - greenfields and industrial facilities
11. Rēzekne Industrial Park (2028)
12. Valmiera Industrial Park
    Valmiera Industrial and export Park
13. Cēsis Industrial Park
14. Limbaži Industrial Park



Additional municipality and privatly owned Industrial land plots may be available upon request

Establishing production in SEZ territory allows the investor to enjoy tax benefits, optimal logistics, good infrastructure, utilities and support.

Competitive financial support & incentives

TAX INCENTIVES

Special Economic Zones (SEZ):

- **up to 80%** CIT relief
- **up to 100%** real estate tax relief

NATIONAL SUPPORT PROGRAMS

- **Large investment fund** grant programs for capital expenses
- **De minimis** grant programs for:
  - R&D expenses
  - export activities
  - start-up support
  - business development

EU FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

European Commission grants:

- Higher success potential via *Widening Europe*
- Participation in international consortia



Your trusted support network in Latvia

ONE-STOP AGENCY

LIAA - primary partner providing:

- investment support
- business setup guidance
- attentive investor aftercare

PUBLIC FINANCING & POLICY SUPPORT

- National bank **ALTUM -** loans, guarantees, investment funds
- **Large Investment Coordination Council -** high-level political support for strategic investment projects
- **Fast-track** initiative - 2x faster facilitation of strategic new investments

BUSINESS & INNOVATION ECOSYSTEM

- **FICIL -** foreign investor advocacy & policy dialogue
- **Ministry of Defence** – R&D support in defence & dual-use sectors, licencing
- Strong industry associations and academia



LIAA global network



23 representative offices

Latvian **innovation** and **technology** representative offices are located in Brussels, Geneva and Tel Aviv

Forums | LATVIA

2026

March



Techchill
The leading tech and startup event in the Baltics for innovation leaders.
Rīga March 25-27

April



Wind Works
The leading wind energy forum in the Baltics.
Rīga April



“UN:BLOCK”
The largest Web3 and blockchain conference in the Baltics.
Rīga April

May



Baltic Fintech days
The leading fintech industry event in the Baltics.
Rīga May 12-13



Deep Tech Atelier
The most significant deep tech event in the Baltics, where science, startups, and global investors meet.
Rīga May 14-15



International Drone Summit
An international summit on drone technologies and security.
Rīga May 27

June



Aftercare Forums
An international forum on investor aftercare and business growth.
Rīga June 3-4

September



Defense Industry Expo
An international forum on technologies and digitalisation.
Ādaži October

October



Techritory
An international forum on technologies and digitalisation in the EU.
Rīga October



PMNET Forum
A precision medicine forum on personalised and data-driven healthcare.
Rīga October



Riga Comm
A business technology exhibition and conference.
Rīga October 8-9

November



Dual-Use Export Forums
On the export of dual-use technologies.
Rīga November



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